

REMARKS

The present invention is a display arrangement for holding a liquid crystal display (LCD) 31 in a position relative to a housing including a first part 35 and a second part 39. The display arrangement includes an elastic part 40 located between the LCD and the housing, a cavity 34 located between a periphery of the LCD and the housing and an adhesive member 42 applied along a periphery of a bottom surface of the liquid crystal display which attaches the liquid crystal display to the first part of the housing and wherein the first housing part 35 covers the periphery of the LCD and the bottom surface of the liquid crystal display and a second housing 39 part covers a periphery of the top surface of the LCD.

It should be noted that the Information Disclosure Statement of June 3, 2003, while being filed after the mailing of the first Office Action dated May 5, 2003, was only issued by the EPO on May 19th and furthermore, was submitted well within the three month deadline for submission as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) as certified in the June 3, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement. The claims have been amended to maintain a line of demarcation between the Japanese Abstract as submitted herewith.

Claim 7 stands rejected regarding antecedent basis. Newly submitted claims 19-33 have been drafted to overcome the stated ground of rejection.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent 6,604,453 (Inubushi et al) in view of United States Patent 6,216,329 (Kaga et al). The grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Newly submitted claim 19 defines a display arrangement for holding a liquid crystal display in a position relative to a housing including first and second housing parts comprising an elastic part located between the liquid crystal display and the second housing part, a cavity located between a periphery of the liquid crystal display and the first housing part and an adhesive member applied along a periphery of a bottom surface of the liquid crystal display and which attaches the liquid crystal display to the housing; and wherein the first housing part covers the periphery of the liquid crystal display and the bottom surface of the liquid crystal display and the second housing part covers a periphery of the top surface of the liquid crystal display. The deficiencies noted by the Examiner of Inubushi lacking the adhesive member along the periphery of the bottom surface and the attachment of the LCD to the housing are not cured by Kaga et al in the context of the subject matter of the newly submitted claims including the adhesive member relative to the recited first and second parts of the housing and the LCD. In this regard, it is noted that the housing of Kaga et al is totally external to the fixing plate 2 which is isolated from the housing by an elastic member 6.

The construction of Inubushi et al and Kaga et al do not suggest the overall combination of the recited display arrangement including the liquid crystal display, an elastic part, the adhesive member, and the housing including the recited first and second parts of the housing relative to the periphery of the liquid crystal display, the bottom surface of the liquid crystal display and the periphery of a top surface of the liquid crystal display. The only basis why a person of ordinary skill in the art would be led to modify the teachings of Inubushi et al in view of Kaga et al to arrive at the subject matter of newly submitted claim 19 would be by impermissible hindsight.

Moreover, newly submitted independent method claims 31 and 32 are limited to a combination of the housing including the first and second parts of the housing, the elastic member, the adhesive member and the liquid crystal display which is not suggested by the combination of Inubushi et al and Kaga et al.

Dependent claims 20-31 define more specific aspects of the present invention which are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the combination of Inubushi et al and Kaga et al.

The International Search Report cites five category "X" references. It is submitted that the Canon references have the same deficiencies noted above with respect to the prior art applied by the Examiner in the rejection of the claims.

The Japanese Abstract reference does not teach the two part housing arrangement in combination with an adhesive layer and liquid crystal display as recited in the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1030.41370X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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